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'U. S. Jobless now highest in 17 years' truthful headline says

'U. S. JOBLESS NOW HIGHEST IN 17 YEARS' said a Bay Area daily paper headline Tuesday, which helps to explain why East Bay Labor Journal has been publishing pictures lately showing people standing in line to apply for unemployment compensation.

Two weeks ago, for instance, this paper published a picture of a jam-packed unemployment compensation claim office in Chicago. Some Republican Senators have accused labor papers of "destroying business confidence" by publishing such pictures.

But Tuesday's announcement by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics of the new 17-year high of 5,198,000 Americans jobless in March casts some light on the situation. Perhaps YOU have already understood the situation by standing in those lines yourself!

REPORT
To Our Reader - Owners

FOR WHOM PUBLISHED?

For whom is a newspaper or magazine published? For the subscriber, or for the advertiser?

Labor people have long charged that the average commercial daily or magazine is run for the advertiser, not for the subscriber.

It has remained, however, for the Farm Journal, a big magazine published in Philadelphia, to confirm this charge of labor people; for most big commercial papers or magazines, such as the Oakland Tribune and the Saturday Evening Post, claim that they are published primarily to inform the subscriber.

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IN THE OPEN

But the Farm Journal has come right out with it. It announces that beginning with the April issue its subscription list is cut down to the 3,100,000 subscribers who are sufficiently active in farming or its allied industries to constitute the "hard core" of the farm market. That is, these 3,100,000 subscribers can be expected to buy the things the advertisers in the magazine publicize.

Formerly the magazine had 3,550,000 subscribers, but he learned, says Publisher Richard J. Babcock, that some 450,000 of these were what he calls "nice people" who have no active interest in agriculture. They were just good citizens who wished to understand something about one of our great industries, so to blazes with them!

The move, the publisher explains, is "an extension of our corporate objective to deliver to advertisers, with mutual profit, more of the prime farm market most effectively and most economically."

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THE SOLE PURPOSE

Certainly the publisher of the Farm Journal has "most effectively" demonstrated the one purpose for which his—and most commercial dailies and magazines—is published in this land of the "free" press!

Transit plan for November ballot

New express service, downtown terminals and the extensive use of freeways will be thoroughly explored as a part of the East Bay transit plan to be presented to the voters next November, it was announced.

Robert K. Barber, president of the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, said general agreement has been reached on the broad study guides that are to be used by De Leuw, Cather & Company in developing a district transit plan.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Labor wins in 4 out of the 5 city elections

In four of the five cities holding elections in Alameda County Tuesday all candidates recommended by labor were victorious, winning in Albany, San Leandro, Hayward, and Fremont, and losing only in Emeryville.

Of the total of 9 candidates endorsed by labor in the five cities, 7 of them won.

The victory of Ken Steadman



KENNETH D. STEADMAN

of the Steelworkers, a Central Labor Council delegate, in the new city of Fremont attracted much attention, as did the vigorous battles in San Leandro and Hayward, where labor has for some time been showing political power.

All the 9 candidates had been endorsed by the Alameda County Council on Political Education (COPE) of which Ernest Perry, Steelworkers, is president, and Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council, is secretary-treasurer.

Results, city by city, were:

HAYWARD — **John Purchio** and **Rudolph Dettenreider**, endorsed by labor for the City Council, won.

Purchio 4015 votes, **Dettenreider** 2848. Vernon Blichfeldt, the third man elected to the City Council in the 10-man battle for the three seats, got 2708 votes.

Hayward City Councilman Floyd Attaway, business representative of Hayward Culinary Workers 823, who holds office as

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Milk Drivers 302 still negotiating

Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302 were still engaged in intensive negotiations this week with the milk dealers.

Local 302 is armed with a strike vote taken two weeks ago by a membership meeting, but every effort is being made to settle on a new agreement without recourse to a strike, said Jeffery Cohelan, secretary-treasurer.

Ike & sunshine still stymied

President Eisenhower's comment that a little sunshine would do us all good is "the most astute remark he's made since he entered the White House," Richard Groulx, Central Labor Council assistant secretary, told the laughing delegates to that body this week.

But Secretary Robert S. Ash cited the new 17-year high of 5,198,000 Americans jobless to indicate that the sunshine, apparently the chief reliance of the White House on curing the recession, hadn't got very far yet in its curative mission.

Ash said that efforts were being made to check the exact amount of unemployment in each of the unions here.

Conference April 23 on health of BA's

"The Health of the Business Agent" is the theme of a conference presented by the East Bay Labor Health and Welfare Council in cooperation with the UC Institute of Industrial Relations, to be held at Hotel Leamington Wednesday, April 23.

The conference, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., including a luncheon session, will take up the following subjects: The Life and Times of the Business Agent, Tobacco, Tension, Alcohol, and How Should the Business Agent Live?

Registration fee, including lunch: $5.00.

Speakers and discussion leaders include: Dr. Van Dusen Kennedy, Institute of Industrial Relations; Robert Buechley, State Department of Public Health; Dr. E. Richard Weinerman of El Cerrito; Dr. Jack Philip, State Department of Public Health; Dr. Leon Lewis of Fairmont Hospital.

J. L. Childers BTC business representative, is chairman of the East Bay Labor Health & Welfare Council. Arthur Hellender, CLC assistant secretary, is secretary of the Health & Welfare Council.

For further information on the conference call Hellender at HIgate 4-6510, or John Hutchinson at the UC Institute of Industrial Relations, AShberry 3-4642.

Richmond City Council on record in opposition to 'right to work' law

The Richmond City Council, on motion of Councilman John J. Sheridan, business representative of Teamsters 315, has voted unanimously to go on record as opposed to any form of "right to work" legislation.

The AFLCIO Contra Costa Committee on Political Education had asked in a letter for the council's opinion.

The Mayor's Conference of Contra Costa County at a recent meeting recommended that City Councils in the county take no action on the proposed law.

BTC law committee will report on new contracts

The Building Trades Council at its last meeting voted to have all new contracts filed by affiliated unions examined by the council's law and legislative committee.

In the past the practice has been for the delegates without detailed examination to approve the new contracts which unions sign with employers.

But at the last meeting Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, commented on the dispute the Linoleum Layers, affiliated with the Painters, are having with the Kaiser Company. Men of craft other than the Linoleum Layers are laying linoleum for that company, said Rutledge.

Rutledge said that if the new contracts of the various crafts affiliated with the council were examined, something might be learned about new claims to jurisdiction being made and signed up for in these new contracts.

Chester Bartalini, Carpenters 36, asked "what could we do about it if we did find things of this sort in new contracts?"

BTC President J. S. Miller replied that "at least we can keep informed by doing this."

Jack Woods of the Plasterers said he thought it was a very good idea, and suggested that the start of the new practice be made with the new contract that had just been presented that week to the council office by the Asbestos Workers.

TWO-MAN TEAMS

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers said that Bryan Deavers, president of the State BTC, is asking for a two-man team such as is authorized under the new jurisdiction arbitration procedure to investigate a dispute between the Pile Drivers and Electricians 1245. The Pile Drivers claim some work being done by Local 1245 belongs to the Pile Drivers.

Childers reported that so far no agreement has been reached on the two-man team to handle some 60 cases now accumulated nationally. He said that the dispute between Electricians 1245 and the Pile Drivers is one of the 60, as is the dispute of the BTC with the Steelworkers at the Pacific States Steel Company in Alameda County.

The Industrial Union Department of the AFLCIO, said Childers, has named a man for the team, but wishes not to have him a permanent appointee, preferring to name different men for different occasions, and discussion of this has held up the launching of the team.

APPRENTICESHIP

A letter from State BTC President Deavers called attention to the meeting on apprenticeship April 24-26 at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel in San Francisco, urging a good attendance.

CLC LETTER

Richard Groulx, Central Labor Council assistant secretary, wrote that the executive committee of that council now has a full understanding of the position of the BTC on the Montgomery Ward matter.

EL DORADO OIL CO.

There was discussion of the assignment of some work by the El Dorado Oil Company, Louis Wilson, Carpenters 36, raising

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Tragic mental salvation plea

A tragic story of a broken home and a sojourn in Agnew which might easily have been prevented was told to the Central Labor Council delegates this week by a woman who said as she mountd the speaker's stand, "I'm almost scared to death!"

"You're here among friends," CLC President Al Brown reassured her, so she smiled wanly and began speaking, gathering confidence as she went on.

The woman was asking labor to do what it can to persuade the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to set up a mental health clinic system under provisions of the Short-Doyle Act adopted by the Legislature in 1957. Under this law, the State will pay 50% of any amount the county sets up as desirable for the clinic.

San Francisco, for example, just last week set up the amount of $1,300,000 as desirable. Alameda is now the one big county in the State which has failed to take advantage of the act's provisions.

Some of these facts had been told the council by Al Gross, president of RAFT (Relatives and Friends Together) before the woman, whose mental health could have been saved three and a half years ago had there been such a clinic, told her story.

"Three and a half years ago," she said, "I had an emotional breakdown. I entered Agnew, my home was broken up, my daughter was sent to a foster home. All this would have been unnecessary had there been a clinic of the type authorized under the law. Early treatment heads off such a collapse as I suffered."

She went on to say that after leaving Agnew she had come near to another collapse, but this time she was saved by just the type of treatment such a clinic would give.

"But the treatment which saved me from collapsing again," she explained, "would not have been available to me if I had had to pay for it. I was fortunate in having a friend, a psychiatrist, who came to my rescue, and gave me this treatment for nothing."

Both she and Gross had

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HOW TO BUY

Community help in recession

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

When you get into a financial crisis, there are community resources and services that can help you. But most people have only a dim idea of where to go in time of trouble.

Several surveys, in New York, Kentucky and Michigan, have found most families don't know the extent of benefits for which they may be eligible, as Social Security, Federal and State Veterans' benefits, vocational rehabilitation, and so on.

The University of Michigan Institute of Public Administration found only one out of four people interviewed in Detroit knew that Social Security provides payments for families whose breadwinner dies, as well as old-age benefits. Even among people already getting Social Security, fewer than half knew the full extent of their rights.

In an emergency, here are facts you and your family ought to know:

Social Security: In recent months there has been a rise in Social Security applications as older people have found jobs harder to find. Older men and women and widows with children under 18 should know they can draw Social Security even if they plan to return to work when jobs become more plentiful.

In fact, you can go on and off the rolls as often as necessary. In most states, you also can collect Social Security in addition to unemployment compensation, although Social Security administrators don't like to broadcast this because unemployment-compensation, although Social Security administrators don't like to broadcast this because unemployment-compensation reserves are getting tight.

Vet's Benefits: A recession-caused cut in income also may make nonservice-disabled veterans and some widows eligible for pensions. These are available to permanently-disabled veterans, to surviving dependents of a World War II and Korean serviceman who had a service-connected disability, and to widows of World War I vets even if their husbands had no disability.

These pensions are not payable if the potential beneficiary has income of over $1400 a year if single, or $2700 with dependents.

Besides V. A. benefits, many veterans tend to pass up state benefits, especially the partial property-tax exemption for veterans provided by a number of states. You can learn what state benefits you may be eligible for, by contacting the nearest V. A. office, or by writing your state department of veterans' affairs at your state capital.

Family Financial Counsel: Many emergency demands are being made on family service agencies in the present crisis, reports Mrs. Shirley Camper, Family Life Consultant for the Family Service Association. The official position of such agencies is that people in urgent need of cash help should apply to the Government welfare agencies. But on a practical level, family agencies often do assist in an emergency when they have the funds. In any case, the local family agency can well be your first port of call in a storm. It will either proceed to help you directly or tell you who can in your area.

Where the family agencies are uniquely equipped to help is in working out budgets, and in arranging with creditors to stretch out payments if you have gotten over your head in debt. Even regularly-employed families and people with higher incomes use the family agencies for help with planning budgets and managing finances.

For counsel on finances and other family problems as child guidance or marriage counseling, the agencies typically charge $5 an hour. But if you can't afford the fee, the family agencies never turn anyone away, Mrs. Camper reports.

Such agencies are generally listed in the local phone book under "Family Service", or you can find one in your area through the AFLCIO Community Services Committee in your town.

Keeping lettuce out of hydrator

Keeping lettuce crisp without a hydrator, says one woman, can be done by removing all damaged leaves. The remaining leaves if then thoroughly washed under the faucet are inverted in a paper towel and thoroughly drained. If any water remains, the lettuce "rusts" rapidly.

Dry lettuce may be wrapped in aluminum foil or placed in a plastic bag with ventilation holes.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

A WOMAN WROTE the first authoritative book on poker, which is usually considered a man's name. Her name was Alice Howard Cady, but she reduced the Alice to A when she signed her name to the book in Spalding's Home Library in the 1890s which laid down the rules of the game.

Edmund Hoyle, the Englishman whose name has become part of our language as a synonym for the supreme court of poker, not only never wrote a book of poker rules, but never even heard of the game. His stronghold was whist, the forerunner of bridge.

THE FIRST of the relatively few times the present writer has played poker was when a girl cousin many years ago persuaded him to spend an entire afternoon learning, after a fashion, the rules and troubles of that fascinating game.

But he didn't like it as well as whist, the same old game of 13 cards to each of four hands which Edmund Hoyle admired, and which is still played by some devoted souls, despite all the new tricky games that have come in since.

THOSE OF US who don't play any games much can't help but envy those who play some game with real passion and almost ecstasy. Right now, the present writer plays a good many chess games with a 9-year-old kinsman whose rapt interest in the game is a pleasure to see.

But chess is dangerous! It's notoriously a quagmire into which, once your feet are firmly in, you sink deeper and deeper.

The color blue got revived!

Although, as one decorator of taste has put it, "Among sophisticated people there are no color trends," no one can argue with the fact that in 1957 one color set a trend that this spring will dominate the new collections of rugs, fabrics and wallpapers. The color was blue, which, despite the fact that it is the favorite of the "average" American woman, was for twenty-five years out of favor in decorating and designing circles.

This spring, it will be sharpened with some of the new greens. Golds, particularly the "dirty" bronze ones, will also be popular.

TV sends kids to the library

Television is responsible for sending swarms of children to the public libraries, says one report made to a Book Fair luncheon in New York.

One librarian suggested that instead of denouncing TV, note what subjects a child follows on TV, then put in his way books on that subject. First thing you know, he'll be reading more than you expected, she says.

Barbara Bell Patterns



Slim as a needle and as flattering as a compliment is the gay young sheath shown here with bright touches of contrast.

No. 8211 with Patt-O-Rama is in sizes 12, 14, 16, 18, 20. Size 14, 34 bust, 3½ yards of 35-inch; ¾ yard contrast.

Send thirty-five cents in coins for this pattern—add 5¢ for each pattern for first-class mailing. Send to Barbara Bell, East Bay Labor Journal, 367 W. Adams Street, Chicago 6, Ill. Print name, address with zone, style number and size.

'Nice to have man around'

The parrot once belonged to a seafaring man and had a strong vocabulary. Because of this it had been exchanged numerous times at the pet shop where it was for sale.

One day the proprietor sold it to a nice old lady. A few weeks went by and surprisingly it was not returned as usual. Then one afternoon she reappeared to buy it some feed. Cautiously he asked her how she likes the bird.

"Quite well," she replied sedately. "Of course, he swears something awful, but I don't mind that. You see, I never married and he's sort of like having a man around the house."

Sage advice

The best wage to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once. — **H. N. Ferguson in Quote.**

JOHN W. HOLMDAHL, Oakland city councilman, Democratic candidate for State Senate, has announced the appointment of Richard S. Diament of Alameda as his campaign manager.

Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

UNLESS it is a school teacher, there is probably no more patient public servant alive than the average traffic cop.

You don't think so? Then you should read the California Highway Patrol's report for 1957, with its blood-chilling photographs and figures about what goes on along our state's expensive but death-dealing highways.

Up and down the roads these patient officers go trying their best to prevent us idiot drivers from committing suicide, homicide and other lesser crimes, trying to teach us that civilized and courteous behavior is as much the mark of the decent citizen upon the highway as it is in the home or the office.

Once again they list speed, traveling too fast for road conditions, as the number one killer. Along with speed are the bad habits that go with it, improper passing, following too close, violating right of way—all mark of the nervous man or woman in a great hurry.

Not only are most accidents caused by speed, but the accidents are inevitably more serious, almost always resulting in fatalities or very severe injuries.

These officers do their best to reduce the number of accidents. But we have only one officer for every 190 miles of highway, one officer for every 3,800 cars, one officer for every 3,000 licensed drivers in our state.

They are all trained men, all are given 12 weeks of intensive instruction, and all return from time to time for in-service training.

They do their best. But there can never be enough of them to keep all drivers in order.

Therefore it is up to us, licensed drivers over the age of 16, to behave at all times as though we are at least 16, and no longer irresponsible tots in kindergarten.

And if ever a cop DOES give you a ticket for speeding, get down on your knees and thank him. For he has saved you from carrying out the whim of that idiot child which is in all of us, and who thinks it might be fun to "step on it and see what happens."

Cotton, wool still liked

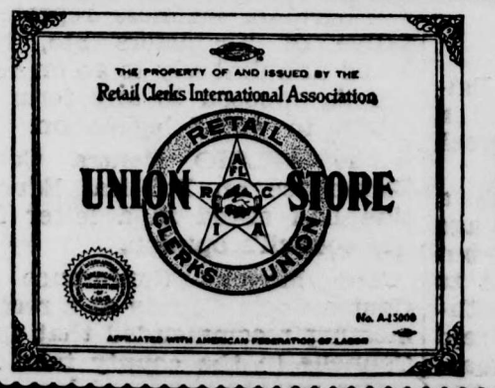
Homemakers are not as fickle as furnishings manufacturers. While man-made fibers are the glamour queens of this season's new collections of rugs and decorative fabrics, homemakers are still faithful to the old natural fiber stand-bys — cotton and wool.

According to an advance report of a survey made last year by the United States Department of Agriculture, cotton is the leading fiber choice for living room draperies, bedspreads, bedroom carpets and table coverings. Wool is the No. 1 preference for living room carpets and blankets.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

BOOST THE LABEL!
BUY UNION LABEL PRODUCTS ONLY

When making purchases, always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one, see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfitting work, painting, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:





Swan's
WASHINGTON AT 10TH STREET
TRY OUR NEW
"REVOLVING"
BUDGET PLAN
NO MONEY DOWN
6 FULL MONTHS TO PAY
Including carrying charges

Galarza asks quiz of big farmers on gypping laborers

Ernesto Galarza, secretary, AFLCIO National Agricultural Workers Union, has written Governor Knight asking for an investigation by the State Commissioner of Insurance of "certain irregularities in the administration of the non-occupational insurance program for Mexican contract farm workers."

Galarza says that during 1957 the San Joaquin Farm Production Association as the employer of over 30,000 Mexican nationals deducted a weekly premium for non-occupational insurance of $1.00, although the master policy issued by the Continental Casualty Company called for a premium of $3.61 per month.

(At $3.61 per month the annual cost would be $43.32; at $1 a week the annual cost would be $52, just $8.68 more a year.)

And says, Galarza, "there is one case of record of a bracero who was charged a premium of $8 for two successive payroll periods of two weeks each.

(This would be at the rate of $4 per week, or $108 per year—$65.68 annually more than the Continental Casualty Company's premium of $43.32 per year.)

Galarza concludes his letter to the Governor with the mild hope that "I trust you will agree with our view" that an investigation is necessary."

Galarza in letter to the Central Labor Council asked that it conduct a survey of its own of conditions under which these farm laborers work, and CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash remarked to the delegates that "so far as I'm concerned, we don't have to make any survey ourselves; we can take Galarza's word for it—he's very reliable, in my opinion."

Knight's reply is what was expected

Governor Knight has sidestepped some pointed questions asked him in a telegram from Robert S. Ash, secretary of the Central Labor Council, the day after the Republican Assembly, the GOP endorsing body in California, held its convention in San Jose.

Ash propounded in this wire these, among other questions:

"Do you intend to abide by your party's anti-labor platform as expressed by the Republican Assembly?

"If not, will you plainly say so by publicly repudiating its stand on the right to work law which was described by more moderate members of the Assembly as a 'back door' method of blessing the proposal?

"Would you have received the endorsement of the Republican Assembly if you had taken a position against the right to work initiative and the Knowland program?"

Ash read to the CLC delegates this week the Governor's reply, which "tactfully" ignored the embarrassing questions, and simply stated that he was against the "right to work" measure and that he was terribly glad to have heard from Ash. In short, it came up to the expectations of all students of political science.

Trib for freedom of the suppress

In November of last year East Bay Labor Journal called attention to the fact that although Senator Knowland is the principal advocate of the "right to work" scheme in California, his Tribune was publishing no letters on that subject.

Then on November 29 East Bay Labor Journal under the headline, "Knowland steals stamps to fight labor" told how Knowland had been caught having letters on the subject sent to the Tribune forwarded to him, so he could answer them, using the frank (free postage) to answer them from Washington.

But in the April 2 issue the Tribune has at last published a letter on the subject, but sneakily, underhandedly, for the letter doesn't mention the "right to work" measure which Knowland favors; no, it's headed "Compulsory Unionism," and purports to come from one Allen A. Stuart of Phoenix, Arizona.

The letter denounces what it calls "compulsory unionism," which is the catchword Knowland and his allies use in attacking union security and advocating "right to work." But it doesn't say a word about the big political battle going on in California on this matter, with Knowland right in the middle of it.

In short, as labor people view the thing, the Knowland Trib is still strong for freedom of the suppress, with a dash of sneakery thrown in. —LB

Legion disclaims open shop support

A former commander of the 10th District of the American Legion has been announced as active in supporting the "right to work" open shop initiative.

But note was taken at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week that the present commander of the 10th District, M. E. Benkula, has issued what he calls a statement "to prevent any misunderstanding on the part of the public, management groups, labor groups, or any other groups or individuals."

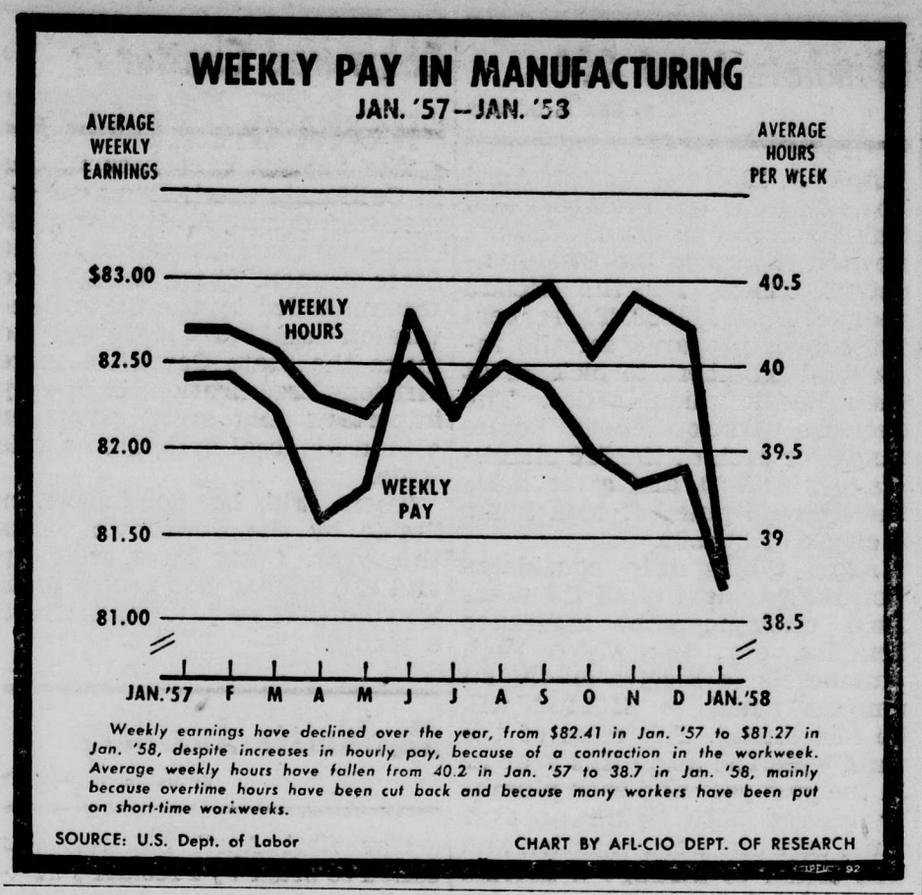
Benkula's statement declares that "the position of past officers or other members of the American Legion is in NO way an indication of the position of the American Legion.

Andrew Sorensen, Molders 164, an officer of the Samuel Gompers Post of the Legion, told the council that Benkula's statement is absolutely correct. He added that if more labor people would join the Gompers Post and exert their influence within the Legion there would be fewer past officers working for anti-labor proposals.

Sauce for goose, gravy for gander!

Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290, was told by a lawyer that organized labor should ask for a panel of distinguished citizens to weigh all grievances of union members against unions.

So now Charlie and Bob Ash are concocting a proposal that the Bar Association and the AMA set up union panels to police them!



Pledge fulfilment is cited by Dunn

Supervisor Francis Dunn, formally filing for reelection in the 2nd District, cited successful achievement of much of the program of progress he advocated when he campaigned successfully for the office in 1954.

He pointed out that in 1954 he advocated expansion of industry to create new jobs and increase commercial business; an increased supply of cheap water for industry and agriculture; a master plan for Alameda County; control of smog; State parks in the county; marine parks and small boat harbors; efficiency in operation of county offices.

The Supervisor cited progress which has been made in achieving all these objects, and added:

"Based on this stewardship, I am asking the people of the 2nd District to reelect me that I may continue to serve them with the added experience I have gained; to cooperate with the city, State, and Federal agencies and the various dpartments of Alameda County so that we may go on together with such programs of progress and service as will make the government of our county the model for all America."

Jobless: If you've earned $1, say so!

If a person is claiming unemployment insurance benefits, and has had some earnings from casual or part-time employment, those earnings must be reported regardless of whether the earnings were paid and regardless of the amount involved, the Department of Employment announces.

Sometimes a person believes that because the earnings are less than the allowed amount of $3.99, it is unnecessary to report the earnings. This is not so. He must report earnings, no matter how small. Failure to report even $1.00 in earnings during a week for which unemployment insurance is claimed may be considered a misstatement.

For either misstatement or failure to disclose material facts, there is a two to ten-week period of disqualification.

Glenn M. Anderson says Knowland anti-laborism is State GOP platform

Glenn M. Anderson, Democratic candidate for lieutenant-governor said recently:

"Campaign issues are clearly drawn for this election year. Bill Knowland, the spokesman of Republican reaction, has built the platform upon which Republicans must stand. The basic plank in this program is the destruction of organized labor.

"In a March convention, the California Republican Assembly adopted resolutions endorsing the phony 'union democracy' and 'right to work' proposals. No Republican candidate opposed these resolutions; I think it is fair to assume that these are, in fact, part of the Republican party platform."

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

'We Don't Want To Sell Apples, Inc.' invented by ILWU

Harry Bridges and his ILWU and that union's editor, Morris Watson, have never yet been accused of lacking propaganda skill, whatever charges of another nature have been made against them.

So perhaps it was no surprise to Senator Knowland when the following ads appeared in the classified columns of San Francisco dailies on March 29, 30, and 31, obviously answering Knowland's classified ads reported in last week's East Bay Labor Journal:

TAXPAYERS! Are you sick of sending your dollars to the corrupt Chiang Kai-shek regime? Are you weary of the "Senator from Formosa"? If you are, please drop a line to the ILWU Committee Against Knowland for Governor, c/o Warehouse Union, 255 Ninth Street. (This is strictly an open committee — no secrets).

WORKING PEOPLE: Unemployed? Are you fed up with the big money boys and their servants who promise you the "right to work" at a time when employers are idling thousands daily? Write ILWU Committee Against Knowland for Governor, or "We Don't Want to Sell Apples, Inc.", c/o Warehouse Union, 255 Ninth Street, San Francisco.

Morris Watson informed East Bay Labor Journal that the Chinese Embassy (the one representing Formosa, that is) has notified the Chronicle that if it accepts any more such ads playing lightly with the Formosa regime, legal action will be taken.

Marion Grover Tibbits, editor of the local Observer, comments that "this 'classified' war will take on even more interesting hue if it filters into Oakland with its only daily paper."



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Trinity power deal with PG&E gets Knowland blessing

Senator Knowland recently added to his support of "right to wreck" plans an endorsement of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's proposal that it take over as a "partner" in the big Trinity River Project.

Knowland's stand lined him up against Attorney General General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown, labor and many California cities, which see the deal as a threat to cheap, public power. And it also put him in the opposite camp from his fellow Republican Senator Kuchel.

Knowland echoed the Eisenhower administration's justification that the deal would produce $165,000,000 in federal surplus plus big construction cost savings and increased tax collections.

Brown, Congressman Clair Engle and other foes of the proposal point out that Central Valley Project power rates are far below PG&E rates. Almost half of the claimed $165,000,000 surplus would result from higher power prices to federal agencies, Brown has charged.

The deal would allow PG&E to build Trinity power plants and pay the government for falling water, then sell the resultant power at its own rates.

The AFLCIO recently officially opposed bills to effect the "partnership." AFLCIO Legislative Department Director Andrew J. Biemiller called the deal "another giveaway."

Samuel B. Morris, consulting engineer for the Los Angeles Water and Power Department, was one of the witnesses who questioned Secretary of Interior Seaton's financial figures on the deal before the House Irrigation and Reclamation Subcommittee.

Morris testified that the government would have to pay $257,000,000 to buy PG&E power from the project over a 50-year period, contrasted to Seaton's estimate of $115,000,000.

Morris testified against the plan for the California Municipal Utilities Association, composed of cities which buy cheap public power. The mayors of Redding, Santa Clara and Roseville and Alameda City Manager H. D. Weller also have opposed the deal before the committee.

AL WYNN, for more than 50 years active in Molders 164, has retired as financial secretary and been succeeded by A. Mel Tucker, who has been Wynn's assistant. Wynn has been ill for some time. Wynn will receive a pension from the local and act as a consultant.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

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Telephone TRinidad 2-4343

Plumbers Local 444

By BEN H. BEYNON

April 1, 1958 was not an April Fools Day for the Plumbers and Gas Fitters of Alameda County. Beynon explained the Union vacation checks for the second year on April 1, 1958. There were 720 checks prepared for the individual plumbers to pick up at their local union office. The average vacation check before taxes, for each of the 720 plumbers was $182.00, and after taxes the average plumber took home a check of $141.00.

After taking into consideration the payment of all the taxes and unemployment insurance benefits, etc., for which each plumber is to receive credit, an amount equal to $101.952 will be distributed. The rules of the fund were the same this year as in the past year and each plumber having 1500 hours or over must take one week vacation and was asked to arrange a mutual date with his employer for his vacation period. Those having 350 hours and less than 1500 hours were receiving their checks without taking a vacation.

The accumulation of the funds which will be distributed during the third year of the vacation program are already being accumulated in the trust account and those handling the funds are taking steps again to see that the maximum interest is earned on the funds which accumulate during the year and there be full payment to the fund for each hour worked by each plumber in Alameda County. It was of interest to those handling the fund this year that the expenses of accumulating this income and preparing these checks was a negligible amount. When the calculations were made for preparing the checks for each eligible plumber, a deduction of 1.2% was charged against the hours reported for that individual for the purpose of paying the operating expenses. This figure was .2 of 1% less than the charge in the previous year.

Carpenters Auxiliary

By WAVA M. BARBER

April 11 — Wilma Frazier, will be hostess for the Social, 8 p.m. in her home at 3516 Roda Ave., Oakland. Beginning as of this meeting "all socials" will be held in the members homes, and there are promises of many good times coming up.

April 12 — Entertainment and Prizes. Plan to attend a "Pot Luck Dinner" 6:30 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wheeler, 3520 May Court, Oakland.

April 21 — Sewing Chairman, Anna Strand, 2930 - 23rd Avenue, Oakland is planning a good time for her meeting 8 p.m. Refreshments and door prize.

April 25 — The regular business meeting will be held in the hall, 8 p.m. "Flash" — Our President Eleanore Clapp, is in San Francisco taking care of her new grandson, born to daughter Marion (Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sands) recently. She should be back home in Oakland at time of this writing.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Chips and Chatter

By BILL MARSHALL

The various carpenter unions in California are holding special meetings during April to vote on changing the constitution of the State Council. These changes are recommended by the State Convention and are designed to make the State Council a more efficient organization. It is very important that every carpenter attend his local and vote on this issue.

There will be no Carpenter Picnic by the downtown locals this year. Costs have gone up and attendance has fallen, until we find that we just can't afford a picnic.

Machinists Auxiliary

By OLIVE M. HARVEY

Our first April meeting was called to order by President Trellis Wharry and in spite of the storm the attendance was fairly good. After the business on the agenda was attended to everyone helped in completing some Easter plans which were suggested by President Trellis and as they were so worth while all were happy to cooperate with her.

Sisters Opal Lawrence, Emma Vice, and Gladys Lear are all on "the just don't feel so well" list but trust by now they are their same old selves again.

Sister Catherine Cosgrove is a brand new grandma. Both baby girl and grandma are doing fine. Sister Margaret Copeland's daughter is expected from the East for an extended visit.

Sister Catherine Stewart has been elected ways and means chairman and she and sister Opal Lawrence are asking everyone please to save their wornout nylons for them so they can stuff toys with them. Give them to either one of them.

Brother Harry and sister Gladys Lear's son Mike is the happy father of a baby girl which grandpa and grandma are getting very anxious to see, but Boston is a long way off.

President Trellis and O. B. taxied Internaitonal Vice President Vern Trotta, Nellie Blanford, Tillie Bartmes, and Myrtus Neyhouse up to Sacramento for their birthday party, which they all enjoyed.

Our last Social night was topped off by a baby shower for Dorothy Antone who is expecting very shortly, and we think it was a surprise to her. Anyway we all had lots of fun watching her open her gifts.

President Trellis had the night sewing at home April 7 and Matilda will have the day sewing at the Bartmes apartment April 15, from 10 a.m. on.

Our Social meeting is on April 17 which is also the date of Richmond's birthday party, so everyone is requested to be quite early so we can have a short meeting and then those who wish to may attend the Richmond party. There has been transportation arranged for anyone who would like to go.

The Past Presidents had their usual jolly time at sister Marie Dixon's and did we enjoy the yummy refreshments? mmmm. Next meeting will be at sister Eva Gallaher's home.

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Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

In checking the returns of the registration questionnaire, which was sent to our membership, we find that approximately 80% of our members are registered. The deadline date for registering, making you eligible to vote in the primary election, was April 10, 1958. However, if you have failed to register you may still register and by so doing you will be eligible to vote in the general election to be held in November of this year.

The members present at our last union meeting concurred in the recommendations of the finance committee and executive board authorizing the purchase of three 1958 Oldsmobile automobiles. They also concurred in the recommendations of the officers, for additional office space and the necessary office alterations. In obtaining this new office space, we feel that it is a step forward as we have never had the necessary space for storage or conducting union business.

The auditor's report, submitted by the National Audit Bureau, was read and approved by the membership. This report covers the year ending December 31, 1957. If any member wishes he may see this report.

The resolution pertaining to one membership meeting per month was tabled by the business office as these are trying times both politically and because of the unemployment situation. We wish to add that one membership meeting per month is not in conflict with the United Association Constitution or policy.

We still find that some of the members belonging to the Kaiser Health Plan are still making their checks payable to the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan. We would appreciate having checks made payable to Steamfitters Union No. 342.

Please check your dues book regularly.

Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

By the time you read this column, we will either have had an agreement signed by the Mutual Watch Institute of America, or we will have requested the San Mateo County Labor Council for strike sanction.

Last week the watch repair department of the Payless Drug Store in Oakland, broke out with a large $1.50 crystal sign. After a visit from me the sign was removed.

It so happens there is a new watchmaker operating this department who claims he was not familiar with the regulations and ethics of the industry.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Exective Board will meet on Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m.—Union Office.

FARM LABOR recruitment will be intensified and expanded this year in a major effort to effect the fullest use of the Nation's domestic farm labor supply, provide jobs for unemployed workers, and curtail the use of foreign workers in agriculture, Secretary of Labor Mitchell claims.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Labor victorious in 4 out of the 5 Tuesday elections

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City Councilman until 1960, told East Bay Labor Journal that the political fight got fast and furious during the last few days of the campaign, but that the labor forces really rolled out and pushed the Dettenreider campaign hard.

ALBANY — Mayor **Lewis H. Howell**, endorsed by labor, was reelected to the City Council.

With **Howell** was reelected incumbent Kathie Zahn. They were opposed by two candidates.

EMERYVILLE — **William G. Codington** and **Nick C. Fuller**, incumbent City Councilmen endorsed by labor, were defeated.

Those elected to the City Council were Fred Fraga, Doyle S. Hudson, and Carl Crawford.

FREMONT — **Ken Steadman**, Steelworkers 3367, was elected to the City Council.

Steadman got 3614 votes, and Rollin P. Cunningham, also elected to the City Council, got 3051. They ousted Mayor John L. Stevenson, who got 2686 votes, and another incumbent, Bruce Michael, who got 2213 votes.

Proposition A carried, with 2062 votes to 425; Proposition B was defeated 4169 to 2054.

SAN LEANDRO — **Jack Maltester, Robert Taylor,** and **William Swift**, all endorsed by labor for the City Council, were victorious, with the following votes: **Maltester** 5853, **Swift** 5014, **Taylor** 4551. Alvin Kent was returned to the City Council unopposed.

Maltester was formerly a business representative of the Printing Specialty Workers in San Francisco, and **Taylor** was formerly a business representative of the Chauffeurs in Oakland.

Hayward Painters 1178

By ROBERT G. MILLER

Another Lust To Bust Unions organization has recently come into being in the East Bay. Known as the East Bay Citizens ism.

Committee For Voluntary Union-

The intent of the "committee" is obvious in the title, and stresses the privilege of men and women to join or not join a union against his will; with the added assertion that it is unfair and unjust when workers are required to support political candidates or policies they oppose.

Required, among other definitions means; right of authority, demand and need. No such right of authority to demand support of any candidates or their policies has ever been exercised by this local union. This last assertion can be verified by the record filed in the archives of this local.

It is my belief that this will apply to most union organizations the country over.

You seldom hear any of these do-gooders mention the many hours of donated labor by many of the craftsmen of the building trades and others; nor the money donated by the various locals for any projects that involves the welfare of those from childhood to old age.

Demand the Union Label!

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Death Assessments No. 423, 424, 425 and 426 are now due and payable. Brother Andrew Hart, Sr., No. 30022, a member of Local No. 108, Los Angeles, passed away on Dec. 14, 1957; Brother Claude E. Armitage, No. 23566, Local No. 216's member, passed away on January 27, 1958; Brother Curtis C. Christensen, No. 148423, a member of Local No. 162, Sacramento, passed away on January 30, 1958 and Brother Coordt Nielsen, No. 12513, another member of Local No. 216, passed away on February 10, 1958.

Fraternally,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

CARPENTERS 36

There will be a special called meeting Friday at 8 p.m., April 18, 1958, at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, California, to decide the question, "Shall we have a Credit Union?"

You are also asked to vote on seven referendum proposals in the California State Council of Carpenters By-Laws.

Stewards Committee will meet on the third Thursday, April 17, 1958. Educational Committee will meet on the fourth Wednesday, April 23, 1958.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 1473

Special called meeting, Friday, April 18, 1958 at 8 p.m. in Eagles Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland. We will vote on the proposed changes in the State Council of Carpenters Constitution. These changes are designed to make the State Council more effective.

Refreshments after the meeting.

Fraternally,
J. W. KIRKMAN,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194

Special called meeting, Friday, April 18, 1958 at 8 p.m. in Eagles Hall, 2305 Alameda Avenue, Alameda to vote on the proposed changes in the State Council of Carpenters Constitution.

Fraternally,
J. W. NIXON,
Recording Secretary

AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at union headquarters.

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets regularly on the second and fourth Friday of each month unless otherwise specified. Meetings at 8:00 p.m. at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley.

Fraternally,
H. B. RICHARDSON,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

CARPENTERS 1622

Regular meetings will be held each Friday at the Labor Temple, 1541 Mattox Road at 8 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Friday night April 18 is the date of our next meeting.

Membership cards in the AFL-CIO Council on Political Education (COPE) may be had at our office from F. S. Bethel at $1.00, good for a year. The suggestion that memberships in COPE be bought must not be construed as a requirement to remain a member of Local 1178. This is just a request for help from you to keep the present way of life we enjoy and to which we are entitled; to fight proposals by glib tongued politicians proposing legislation which, if adopted, would skin us alive.

Sincerely & fraternally,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Former CLC head, Geo. Janssen, dies

George A. Janssen, member of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors from 1933 to 1955, and formerly president of the Central Labor Council, died suddenly Tuesday morning. He was 75. Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon under Masonic auspices.

He was dressing to attend a meeting of the East Oakland Breakfast Club when he collapsed and fell at his home, 5004 Foothill boulevard.

He was active in Butchers Local 120 for years. Later he became owner of Melrose Meat Market, 5133 East 14th Street, Oakland.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Fred Carter, by two brothers, Henry Janssen of Oakland and Arthur Janssen of Atherton, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Beck of Oakland.

On his retirement from the Board of Supervisors, he was succeeded by Francis Dunn.

Tax reduction may be needed, claim

WASHINGTON — Tax reduction in the lower-income brackets may be necessary to end the current recession, a Republican and a Democratic member of the House Ways and Means committee agreed on "Washington Reports to the People", AFLCIO public service radio program.

Rep. Robert W. Kean (R., N.J.) and Rep. J. McCarthy (D., Minn.) declared that tax reductions for persons with lower incomes would increase purchasing power and be the most effective means of stimulating economic recovery.

The two congressmen asserted that the immediate loss in tax revenue could be more than made up by eliminating tax loopholes. Mentioned specifically were the special tax allowance for oil producers and inclusion of extraneous items under capital gains—a much more favorable tax category.

Revision of the whole tax structure may result from the Ways and Means committee hearings, Representative Kean said.

"When we get through with the current committee hearings," he asserted, "the testimony will be studied by the Treasury, the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue and our staff, and they're coming back with recommendations, we hope, in April.—**AFLIO News.**

Knowland's voting record 80.3% bad

The voting record of U. S. Senator William F. Knowland in Congress has been compiled and distributed by the AFL's California Labor League for Political Education.

In a total of 244 roll calls, the record shows that from the LLPE viewpoint Knowland scored 196 bad votes, 41 good votes, and 7 absence.

Percentagewise his record shows 80.3% bad, 16.8% good, 2.9% absent.

Measures on which the score was kept included labor legislation, health, education, social security, taxation, civil rights, rent control and housing, economic controls, monopoly control, natural resource development, and some miscellaneous measures.

The 27 roll calls on labor measures show 23 bad votes, and only 4 good.

The health, education, and social security record is 25 bad votes, 11 good.

Taxation: 30 bad, 1 good, 3 absences.

Civil rights: 4 bad, 3 good.

Rent control and housing: 40 bad, 9 good, 2 absences.

Economic controls: 32 bad, 6 good, 2 absences.

Monopoly control: 21 bad, 6 good.

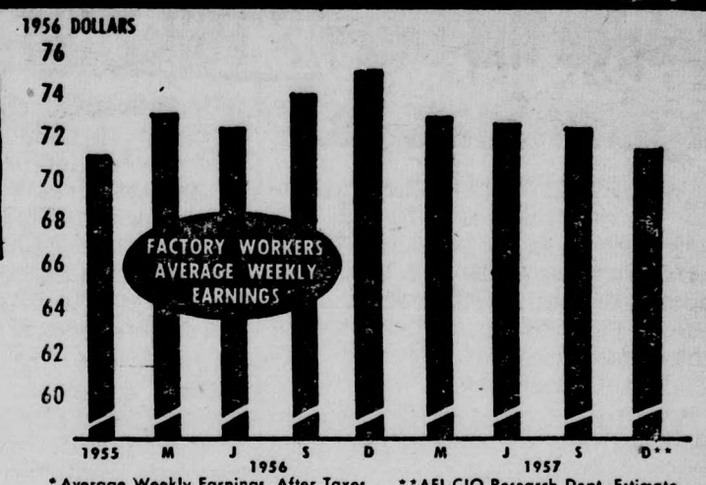
Natural resources development: 15 bad, 1 good.

Other measures: 6 bad, none good.

EDMUND G. (PAT) BROWN, Democratic candidate for Governor, spoke Wednesday at a luncheon of community leaders of West Oakland and South Berkeley at the California Hotel, 3501 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland.

Factory Workers' Buying Power Slides





*Average Weekly Earnings, After Taxes of Manufacturing Workers with Three Dependents, in 1956 Dollars

**AFL-CIO Research Dept. Estimate

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Marin contractors oppose open shop

The Painting and Decorating Contractors of California, Inc.—Marin County Chapter — has come out against the proposed "right to work" initiative now being circulated throughout the state.

Merlin L. Martin, executive secretary of the Marin County Chapter, said that the organization had voted to approve the use of its name in the campaign against the initiative.

Martin also revealed that a number of painting contractors connected with the chapter had authorized the use of their names in any literature that might be developed by labor to oppose the initiative. — **State Federation Newsletter.**

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

AFL's political meet Monday, April 14

The California AFL movement will hold its pre-primary endorsement convention Monday, April 14, in San Francisco.

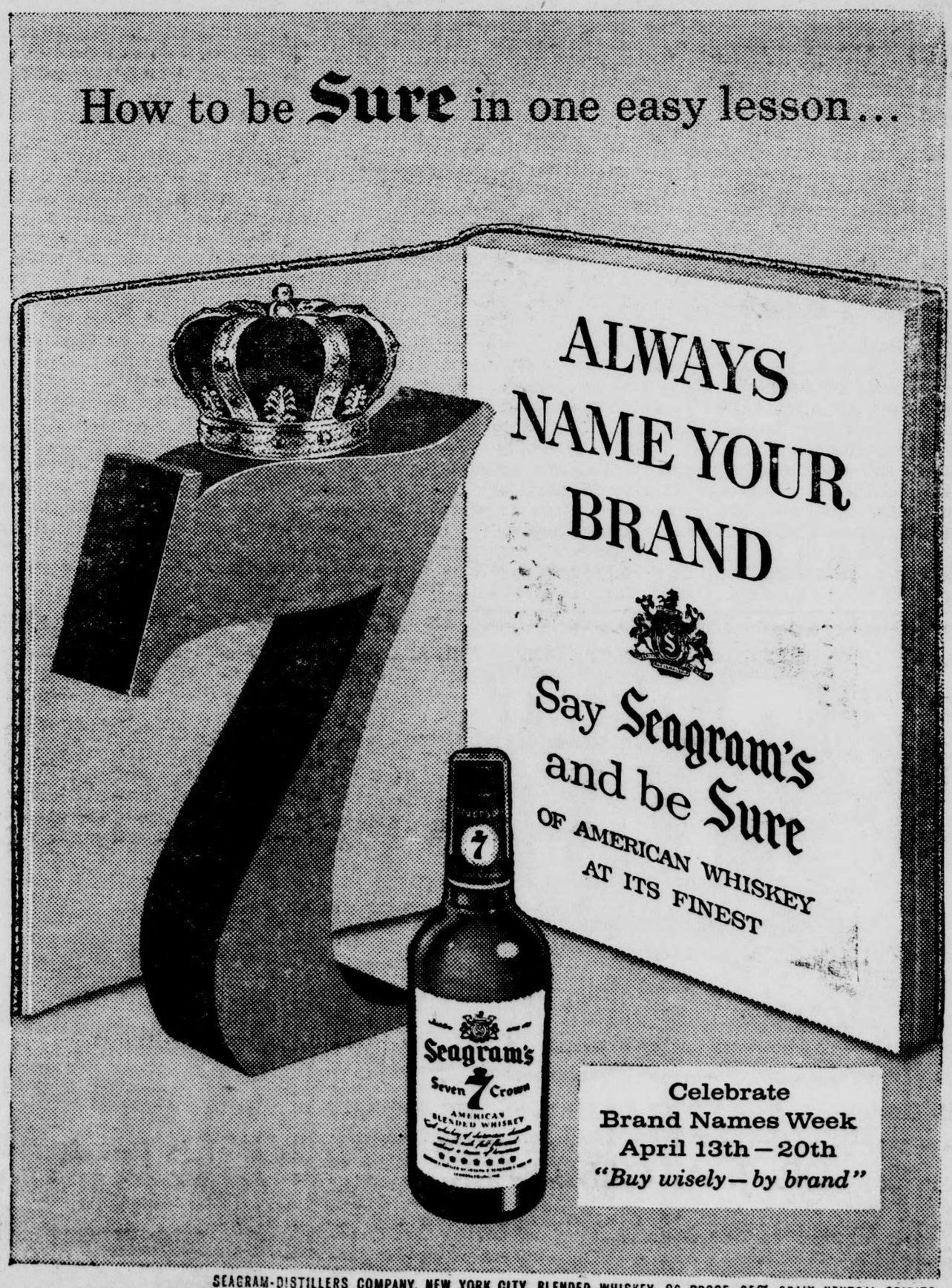
Some 400 delegates are expected to attend the day-long convention called by the California Labor League for Political Education.

The CLLPE is the official political unit of the state AFL movement.

Convention sessions will be held in California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, in downtown San Francisco.

James L. McDevitt, national director of the AFLCIO Committee on Political Education, will be the keynote speaker.

Business of the convention will be endorsement of candidates for Governor, U. S. Senate, Attorney General and other statewide offices, House of Representatives and the state legislature.—**State Federation Newsletter.**



SEAGRAM-DISTILLERS COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY. BLENDED WHISKEY. 86 PROOF. 65% GRAIN NEUTRAL SPIRITS.

Board is asked to reopen the cases against Sears Co.

WASHINGTON — The National Labor Relations Board has been urged to reopen three cases affecting Sears, Roebuck & Co.'s operations in the Boston area on the basis of a union-busting campaign exposed by the McClellan Committee.

The Retail Clerks and the general counsel of the NLRB have filed petitions with the board asking that an election in which the Teamsters defeated the Clerks be set aside and that recommendations of a trial examiner that the Sears recognize the Clerks as bargaining representative be adopted.

NLRB officials said that while the board reopened old cases in the past this was the first time a motion to reopen was based on congressional testimony.

The testimony given the McClellan Committee disclosed unchallenged evidence that Sears used Nathan W. Shefferman's Labor Relations Associates to disrupt union organizing drives through labor spies, payoffs, intimidation and firings.

Wallace Tudor, employee relations vice president of Sears, acknowledged before the committee "pressure and coercion; discrimination, favoritism, intrigue and unfair labor practices" across a period of years in the Boston area.

Evidence before the committee disclosed that through Shefferman, the Sears management was backing three parallel operations in opposition to the Clerks, the company union, a Vote No Committee and the drive by the Teamsters to oust the Clerks.

NLRB General Counsel Jerome Fenton cited the testimony before the McClellan committee of various witnesses, including that of Tudor, declaring that the evidence was not available to the board during various hearings in 1953 and 1955 because "it was suppressed by the employer as a result of a deliberate and almost conspiratorial plan to evade and conceal."—**AFLCIO News.**

Race relations meeting is planned in Berkeley

The Berkeley chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People announces that an action conference with the theme, "What can we do about it?" will be held May 23-24 at Burbank Junior High School in Berkeley. The conference will formulate a program to improve race relations in the East Bay.

Those interested may telephone NAACP at OLympic 4-8966.

Air pollution is Miller bill theme

Congressman George P. Miller recently introduced a Concurrent Resolution in the House of Representatives which would require that military and defense activities be conducted in conformity with State and local laws relating to the air pollution abatement program.

Enactment of Congressman Miller's resolution would reduce substantially the danger to public health and welfare resulting from air pollution.

"The Armed Services have a responsibility to live as good neighbors with the communities around them", Miller told his colleagues in Congress at the time he introduced the resolution.

"Air pollutants from an Army power plant or an Air Force or Navy rubbish burning operation are not neighborly" Miller added, "and they cannot be justified on the basis of military necessity or defense needs."

The resolution would require the Secretary of Defense to establish uniform policies and practices for the military Departments with respect to the conduct of any activity which may result in air pollution.

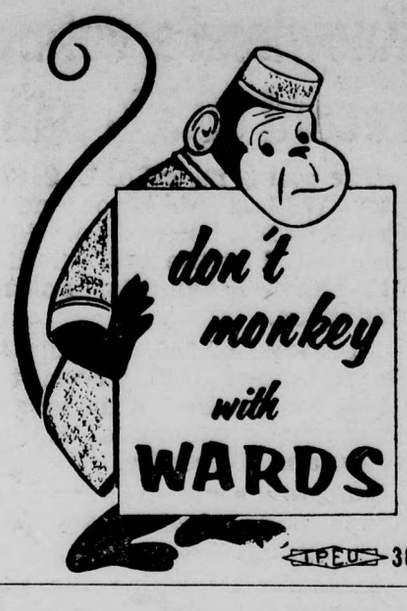
It would also serve as a guide to other Federal Government Departments and agencies in the conduct of their activities.

Not even GM can speed up biology!

DETROIT — Not even General Motors can "speed up the biologic process of birth" or set a policy that "the process of being born under an oral leave" violates the Unemployment Compensation Act, Referee Charles Rubinoff of the State Employment Security Commission has ruled.

Rubinoff restored full benefits for Mrs. June M. Jakobowski, a blueprint checker in GM's photographical section, who had been given a verbal leave. Her child was born March 1, 1957, and on March 28 the company sent her a form which said "Separation March 15, 1957—not reemployed following termination of a special leave of absence."

Mrs. Jakobowski had understood the leave was to expire three months earlier. She was denied unemployment benefits on the ground she had not given "evidence satisfactory to management that she was not able to return to work." The company contended her leave was "without any assurance of reemployment," but Rubinoff found otherwise.—**AFLCIO News.**



Montgomery Ward UNFAIR to Retail Clerks AFL-CIO

Painters Local 127 impressed by this appeal to every young union member

Edgar S. Gulbransen, recording secretary, Painters 27, reports that members of that local were much impressed by the following, which appeared in the program of the California State Conference of Painters held in that city in February:

TO THE YOUNG UNION MEMBER—

There is no element in the Union movement that offers so much hope or disappointment as the young men who are in it.

The average young man of today is blissfully ignorant of the struggles that his forefathers have gone through to establish the wages and working conditions which he steps right into.

As is customary and natural for most young men, they accept these blessings as a matter of course, and have not the faintest conception of the sacrifices and efforts that were put forth to attain them.

Right here lies the danger. Younger folks do not, as a rule, realize how much of what they are enjoying is due directly to Organized Labor. For that reason, they usually give little or no thought to the Union they have joined, except that they pay dues to an outfit they "had to join."

What happens? There are not nearly as many young people at the Union meetings as there should be. Too often the work of the organization falls on the faithful few who are veterans in the movement but who are passing on or retiring one by one, until the old guard is being thinned down to a mere skeleton of its former self.

Young men of the Unions, wake up! The job security, good wages and other benefits which Organized Labor has brought to you, CAN BE LOST by your own apathy. You ARE the future of your Union — a Union which must be kept powerful if American working men and their families are to continue to enjoy a decent share of the product of their labor.

If you are so wrapped up in pleasures of various kinds that you do not find time to attend your Union meeting, you are liable to wake up some morning to the sad realization that the good things provided for you by Organized Labor have been taken away from you overnight, because you and the others like you failed to take an active part in keeping the Union strong.

Young men, don't fool yourselves. Things were not always as good as they are today for the American working man. And powerful forces are afoot even now, to tear down what has been laboriously built up for you to enjoy. Smart men, armed with plenty of money are working long hours trying to bring down your wages and lengthen your working days. The years just ahead may be trying ones for Organized Labor.

The old timers can supply the Union "know-how," and hold the fort for a while longer, but young, up and coming leaders as well as young, active rank-and-file memberships are imperative if American Organized Labor, the key to modern democracy, is to continue upward.

Reuther urges U. S. 'restrain' prices

President Walter Reuther, of the United Auto Workers, told a Senate committee last week that the government should "restrain" prices by making big corporations justify price increases before a special agency.

Testifying before the Senate Antitrust and Monopoly subcommittee in Washington, Reuther aimed most of his fire at the "Big Three" auto makers, General Motors, Chrysler and Ford.

He said that they "rig" prices because of their monopoly position.

He urged that a special agency be set up before which corporations must present records in justification of price increases they propose. The agency would not have price control power, but would be required to publish its findings on the increases.

North Carolina strikers granted jobless pay

Furniture Workers on strike in Bryson City, N. C., against Carolina Woodturning Company since April 8, 1957, have won retroactive unemployment insurance benefits under a decision from the state's employment security board.

UFWA President Morris Pizer said the decision will give benefits of $25 a week to as early as August 10 for some workers and no later than a November date to others. A total of 120 workers are involved.

Members of UFWA Local 251 struck the firm, also known as Cherokee Furniture Company, and have maintained a solid front against injunctions, limited picketing, legal harassment of individuals and community pressure.—**AFLCIO News.**

Public employees conference April 19

A conference on the problems and opportunities of public employees in their relations with public institutions as employers will be held Saturday, April 19, at International House, Piedmont and Bancroft, Berkeley.

The conference is presented by the UC Institute of Industrial Relations in cooperation with State or local organizations of the American Federation of Government Employees, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, American Federation of Teachers, Building Service Employees International Union, International Association of Fire Fighters, International Association of Machinists, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, International Brtoherhood of Operating Engineers, National Association of Letter Carriers, National Association of Post Office Clerks.

The registration fee for the conference, including lunch, is $5, payable in advance or on the day of the conference. Applicants are requested to register in advance if possible, so that luncheon reservations can be made.

Inquiries should be addressed to John Hutchinson, coordinator of labor programs, Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Berkeley 4, telephone AShberry 3-6000, extension 8571-8572.

Speakers and panel members, in addition to experts from the university and from industry, will include several labor people.

Misleading copy of the RW measure

The Coast Federal Savings and Loan Association of Los Angeles is now distributing copies of California's "right to work" initiative measure.

In a blurb above the initiative copy, the company president, Joe Crail, says copies are being printed for "our customers."

He also states that "we have additional copies available for your neighbors and friends. Just ask for them and we'll mail them to you."

Crail's copy of the initiative does not include the official summary of the measure which is carried in the official petitions now being circulated by "right to work" proponents. — **State Federation Newsletter.**

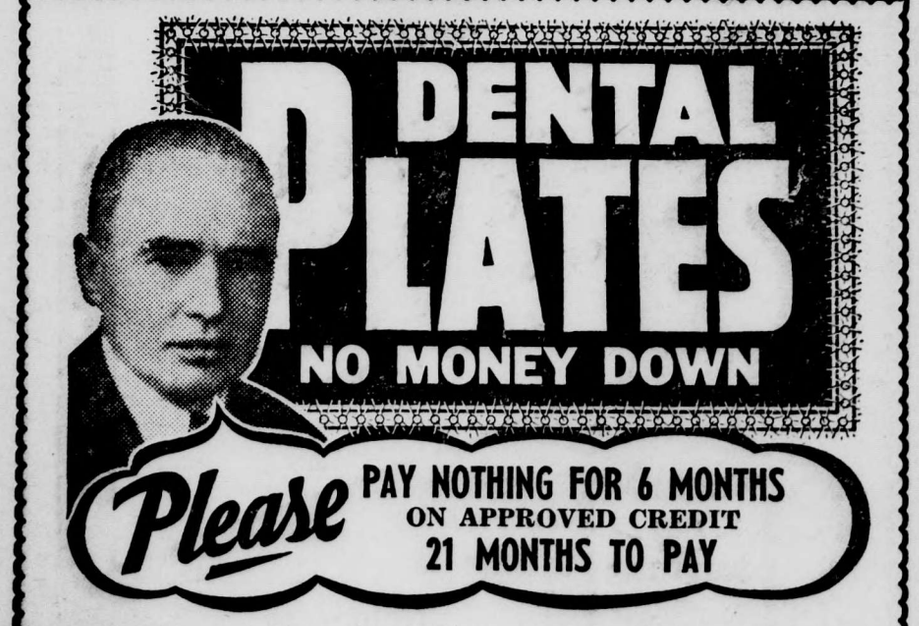
Cranston attacks open shop measure

Alan Cranston, Democratic candidate for State Controller, has issued the following statement against the open shop measure which anti-labor interests are trying to get on the November ballot:

"We will seek to show it's not right-to-work, but the right to destroy industrial peace in California.

"We will show that living standards are lowest in those few states that now have these harmful measures on their statute books."

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GOP, Demo join in agreeing rise in minimum is need

WASHINGTON — A Republican and a Democratic member of Congress agreed that extension of the minimum wage law will aid in overcoming the current recession as they discussed proposed new legislation on Washington Reports to the People, an AFLCIO public service program carried on 200 stations.

"We all admit that when money is in circulation, things are better," Rep. Carroll Kearns, Republican member of the Education and Labor Committee, from Pennsylvania, declared.

Rep. James Roosevelt (D., Calif.), also a member of the committee, pointed out that when the minimum wage law was first enacted, in the 30's, "it definitely gave a boost to the economy."

Roosevelt, whose subcommittee has been conducting hearings on proposals to amend the law, said that he expected new legislation in the current session of Congress to cover five million more workers in addition to the 20 million now protected. He thought the five million would be mostly in the retail trades. The wage rate is now $1 an hour.

"Many people think that because a chain store is located on Main Street it's a local institution (and not in interstate commerce)," Roosevelt said in referring to including retail store workers. "Of course, it does have local personnel, except perhaps the manager. But almost everything they sell comes in from other states."

Agricultural workers, now not included, will not be brought under the law by the present Congress, according to Roosevelt. He said he expected to be able to present the bill to the full committee early in March. Kearns expected agreement on the provisions from both Republicans and Democrats. He hoped the majority in committee for the measure would be so overwhelming that floor approval was assured.—**AFLCIO News.**

Arbitrator's pay $75-$100 per diem

Some aspects of arbitration procedures are reported on by the American Arbitration Association on the basis of a study of 1,183 cases it handled in 1954. Some of the major findings are reviewed below.

Fees charged by arbitrators were most often $100 (58 percent of the cases) or $75 (26 percent of cases) a day. The range was from 0 (in several cases of "hardship" on the parties) to as high as $200 a day. The daily fees are charged both for hearing days and for "study" days (time spent studying evidence and writing the award).

In 81 percent of the cases, a single day's hearing was enough for the arbitrator to hear all the evidence and arguments, with 2 hearings required in 11 percent of the cases, and 3 hearings in 4 percent. In almost half of the cases in which there was only one hearing day, the arbitrator charged for one or less study days.

The total arbitrator's charge per case—in the year 1954—most often was $200 to $300. This was the fee in 35 percent of the cases. In 26 percent it was $100 to $200, in 18 percent, $300 to $400, and in some 16 percent, over $400.—**AFLCIO News.**

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Tragic mental salvation plea

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brought out the fact that treatment costs between $750 and $1000 per monh.

Gross said that there are now in Agnew and State Hospitals 5000 persons from Alameda County.

Gross said that the Board of Supervisors has in effect given the mental health clinic advocates the runaround when they apply for the establishment of the clinics.

John F. Quinn, Bartenders 52, moved that the CLC executive committee consider the suggestion of Gross that the labor movement urge the Board of Supervisors to establish the clinic system, and report back to the council.

President Brown said that as he understood it Gross was taking up the matter with the East Bay Labor Health & Welfare Council, "but theres' no reason why we can't take it up also."

Marshall Thorpe, Printing Specialties 382, who is on the board of the County Mental Health Association, strongly backed Quinn's motion.

"We do all sorts of things for physical diseases," said Thorpe, "but the minute mental ailments are mentioned, we hide the afflicted person for fear the neighbors will find out about it, and we fail to take the simple practical steps that could be taken. When you realize that 5000 persons from this country are mental patients in the State hospitals and that we have to pay taxes to support them there, you realize that a great deal of our tax money could be saved by taking preventive action."

Howard Jeter, Berkeley Teachers 1078, said that the number of mental cases is increasing steadily. Gross had said that already one of every five families in the country can anticipate a mental health case within it.

Al Thoman, Carpenters 36, pointed out that once a person gets into Agnew or Napa, he or she tends to stay there.

Quinn's motion was adopted unanimously.

Church says labor cleans house well

WASHINGTON — Organized labor's "history-making steps" to clean its house are noted "with appreciation" by the Council on Christian Social Action of the United Church of Christ in a statement lauding moves "to discipline unions which have come under corrupt, dictatorial or irresponsible dominance."

The council expressed "unequivocal disapproval" of union leaders who have taken advantage of their positions to enrich themselves.

"Evil as is any corruption in so important a social and economic movement," the statement continues, "the persons and the unions charged with having engaged in illegal or questionable practices constitute a very small segment of labor taken as a whole.

"We commend the vast majority of union members who have labored to make of their unions a force for economic justice, social progress and democratic community life. And we affirm our conviction that labor unions contribute both economically and morally to our modern industrial society." — **AFLCIO News.**

Labor is not in favor of Jenner bill aimed at U. S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON — The AFLCIO told a Senate subcommittee that the Jenner bill, to cut down the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in certain classes of cases, is "inappropriate and unworkable."

Testifying before a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, Associate General Counsel Thomas E. Harris pointed out that the bill would deny the high court the right to review lower court decisions dealing with contempt of Congress, internal security and the "control of subversive activities" under state law.

The Jenner bill, sponsored by Senator William E. Jenner (R., Ind.), is apparently based on the assumption that "recent decisions dealing" with these subjects "are deplorable" and that the court will "continue to fall into error," Harris said.—**AFLCIO News.**

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Macy's in San Leandro just doesn't like to be picketed by the Clerks

Superior Judge Thomas J. Ledwich set today (Friday) for a hearing to determine if a temporary injunction should be issued to prevent members of AFLCIO Retail Clerks locals from picketing Macy's store in San Leandro.

The store has been picketed since March 26. Macy's attorneys contend that the store should not be picketed in connection with a dispute between the Retail Clerks and a Macy store in Ohio.

Senate approves Finks appointment

The State Senate unanimously approved the appointment of State AFL Vice President Harry Finks to the Personnel Board.

The California State Employees Association had waged a strong campaign against Finks on the basis of his labor identification.

AFLCIO organizations representing state employees have long branded the CSEA a "company union."—**AFL Labor League for Political Education.**

Saul Miller appointed publications director of the AFLCIO by Meany

WASHINGTON — AFLCIO President George Meany has appointed Saul Miller, managing editor of the AFLCIO News, as director of the Department of Publications.

He succeeds Henry C. Fleisher, who resigned to open his own public relations firm.

Miller has held his present post since AFLCIO merger. Previously he was on the staff of the AFL News-Reporter.

A veteran newspaperman, Miller was earlier director of New Newspaper Service in Washington, a news service created in 1951 by the International Typographical Union to serve a string of daily papers operated by the union.—**AFLCIO News.**

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BTC law committee will make studies of all new pacts

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the point that members of Steelworker Machinists 1304 were doing general work which would seem to belong to the building trades. Childers agreed that Local 1304 had been getting some work which he felt belonged to BTC crafts.

Jack Reynolds of the Lathers, former BTC business agent, said that he was surprised to hear this, as years ago when Local 1304 was led by "Turkey Neck" Smith, there had been no trouble of this sort.

MUNICIPAL SALARIES

Monthly salary rates of municipal officials showed an upward swing during 1957, said the Alameda County Taxpayers Association in a communication to the council accompanied by charts.

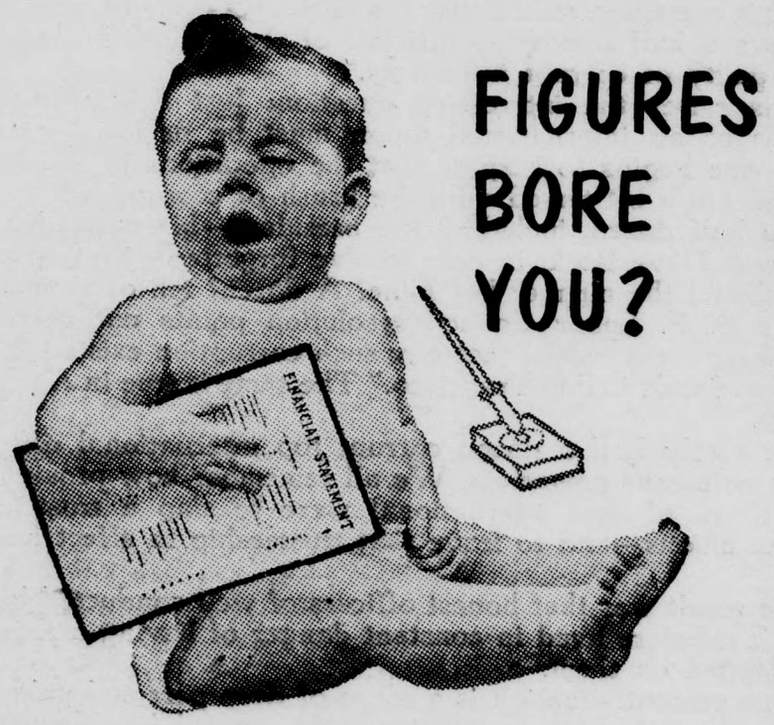
This upward trend may not be so strong in 1958, suggested the association.

"It is significant that as a group city managers are the highest paid employees in city government, and properly so," said the association's letter. "Only San Diego's city manager at $2333.33 a month exceeds the pay of Oakland's city manager at $2083.33. Only one city manager (Lakewood) receives as little as $1000 per month."

Check on Bridges tax case is asked

AFLCIO headquarters is being asked by the Central Labor Council to ask the Internal Revenue Service just what is the significance for all labor unions of the move to charge Harry Bridges an income tax on money collected for his defense on a perjury charge. This is done on recommendation of the executive board.

GEORGE E. McDONALD, Alameda attorney, has been named treasurer of the Brown for Governor Campaign Committee, according to Lyle E. Cook, Campaign Vice-Chairman.



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Is Tricky Dick sneaking on McArthur underwear?

Human Events is an inhumanly reactionary newsletter which comes floating out of the national capital every week. Its editor and publisher, Frank C. Hanighen, is always greatly pleased when he sees any signs of a revolt against even so phony a form of progressivism as that which goes by the Ike-given name of Modern Republicanism.

In the March 31 issue Human Events is delighted by what it considers signs that Vice President Nixon has "an affinity" and perhaps is engaging in "a quiet cooperation with" Senator Styles Bridges of New Hampshire, chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee.

Human Events notes that "Nixon's publicly stated thoughts on 'fundamental' tax reduction came after the Vice President's visit to General MacArthur . . . The General in the Waldorf and Bridges, the 'elder statesman' of the Senate, are friends and have a remarkable identity of opinion. There exists also common cause between Bridges and a forthright leader among the conservative Democrats—Senator Strom Thurmond (S. C.) whose break with his party's 'liberals' and whose Third Party candidacy in 1948 are not forgotten."

In short, Human Events is delighted by signs that an alliance is being formed between Nixon, Senator Bridges, General MacArthur, and Strom Thurmond—a precious gang of reactionaries, if there ever was one!

Whether or not Tricky Dick figures that he's dressed up enough now as a Modern Republican to start sneaking on some MacArthur underclothes we wouldn't know. But it's at least interesting to notice the chortles of jubilation in Human Events.

It's still more interesting to remember that we have on our hands in California as a candidate for Governor a man, Senator Knowland, whose political philosophy is indistinguishable from that of Senator Bridges, "the General in the Waldorf," and the real political philosophy of that phoniest of all the phony Modern Republicans, Tricky Dick Nixon.

'Less than a half dozen'

A resolution praising the San Francisco Teamsters and regretting their necessitated departure was introduced by Secretary George Johns of the S. F. Labor Council and adopted by the remaining delegates. This resolution, if the Examiner quoted it correctly, stated that the AFLCIO convention "found less than a half dozen top officials of the Teamsters International guilty of corrupt influences."

This raises the interesting question: Just how many top officials of an international union must be declared corrupt before one begins to suspect that the operations of the international are a bit tarred with the brush of corruption?

If a half dozen, including the president—his name, by the way, was Dave Beck, in case you've forgotten—isn't enough, what should the number be? Nine? A dozen? All of them?

The S. F. Labor Council resolution points out correctly that "there is no record that any such corruption existed in the Teamster locals in San Francisco." The same is true in Alameda County.

But surely half a dozen corrupt top international officials are by no means powerless. We all remember how prompt the top officers of that international were to slap a trusteeship on local unions—and to leave that trusteeship in effect indefinitely.

The result was that honest officers of well conducted locals of the Teamsters lived in constant danger of having a trusteeship slapped on them.

"The present situation is a cause of deep personal unhappiness on the part of every delegate to the council," is a sentence of the S. F. Labor Council's resolution with which we can all agree. But that doesn't mean that we can all brush aside lightly the fact that the AFLCIO convention held that as many as half a dozen top officers of an international union had been "guilty of corrupt influences."

SAN JOSE MERCURY, by no means a radical paper, in its January 23 issue reported the housing conditions of California migrant farm workers as follows: "Longest slum in the world . . village conditions in Pakistan no worse than some of the California camps . . . migratory families living under conditions similar to refugees in Seoul, Korea."

SENATOR KNOWLAND says that "this is the time for families to buy a new car . . . to build or buy that home the family has been planning for years." Do we have to dig up that old one about when Queen Marie Antoinette was told her people had no bread, she asked why they didn't eat cake instead?

Barking Up the Wrong Tree



LOCAL MAN OBSERVER OF STRIKE IN ENGLAND

Norman Amundson of Office Employees 29, who is in England on a scholarship, sends East Bay Labor Journal the following interesting account of a strike in that country:

A fact which I have realized over and over in my experiences in Britain is that one cannot make direct comparisons with the American Labor Movement. Differences in history, economic factors, traditions, geography and social conditions have resulted in different organization, procedures and thinking.

The last couple of weeks however I have had a chance to observe a situation which could have taken place in Alameda County—in fact I know it has.

There was a strike of about two hundred members of the Amalgamated Engineering Union (roughly equivalent to the Machinists Union) at a local plant over rates of pay for overtime. Not having a no strike clause the workers just walked out and set up picket lines when they got no satisfaction on their claim. On the third day about ten workers went through the lines and back to work. The next day the company used some vans and trucks and got more in to work. They claimed forty people returned and that one department was in full production.

That night the local newspaper carried a story headlined, "Union Rebels Return to Work." They called the workers "rebels against their Union bosses." The company spokesmen called these "scabs" (to use our term) "loyal employees who recognize that the company's interests and theirs are the same."

The Union officials called these workers who returned to work "blacklegs." What their fellow workers on picket duty called them was another thing. As the East Bay Labor Journal uses the Federal Mails it must be left to the imagination of the readers. I can assure you they were the same terms that would have been used in Alameda County.

The strike has been settled now. The Union won because the company had some very important orders to get out and finally had to admit they needed all the workers to get them out. The Union officials had picked the strategic time to walk out.

The really striking feature of the affair to me was its similarity to one of our local situations in the way it developed.

There was one more very interesting thing about it. A Union official told me that twenty years ago they would never have had the "scab" problem. At that time workers generally lived close to the place they worked. Public transportation was not as good and no worker ever had a car. Since they all lived and worked in the same area, public pressure would have made it unbearable for a "scab." He would have drunk his beer alone at the pub, his neighbors would have shunned him and none of the women would have spoken to his wife when she walked to the shops or about the neighborhood.

Now with people living at some distance from their work and riding busses, bicycles or cars to work the same neighborhood pressures are not there. The only lesson to this being, I guess, that times change.

A lost advantage

Perhaps one great advantage of the age which has passed was the slowness of communication. So much becomes unimportant if one does not know about it for months or years. How one envies Mr. Jefferson's calm complaint to the American Minister in Madrid that he had not heard from him for two years, and his hope that this would be remedied before another year was out.

But now the press, like a busy cupid's messenger, brings all the gossip, foolish words that wound, as well as wise ones which inform.

"I lay it down as a fact," said Pascal, "that, if all men knew what others say of them, there would not be four friends in the world."

No one can say that statesmen and press together are not making progress toward this result.—**Dean Acheson, former Secretary of State, in his recent book, Power and Diplomacy.**

Us or them?

Some of our more vacant political minds like to exercise their powers of vocal endurance by reviling Great Britain as a "socialist" nation while howling to the moon about "free enterprise" in this country.

We would like to call their attention to a recent proposal of the English government to require operators of privately owned atomic reactors to carry $14-million worth of insurance in case disastrous accidents.

Over here not only do we not have any privately financed atomic reactors but we—the taxpayers—will pay for disaster insurance if there are any "free enterprise" reactors in the future. Which country is afflicted with creeping socialism? We 'uns or they 'uns? — **United Mine Workers Journal.**

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UNITED CRUSADE THANKS JOURNAL

Editor, Labor Journal:

This letter will have to do what I would have liked to do in person—that is, to thank you and your staff at the East Bay Labor Journal for the news coverage you gave us in our 1957 campaign.

It has meant a lot to us to know you are behind the principles of "United Giving" and the agencies which benefit through our annual Crusade fund drive.

Keeping the public informed is your job—it is ours, too. With your help we have been able to do this more effectively.

To you, then, go our sincere thanks and appreciation which we send in the form of the enclosed Honor Award. It is our "medal of honor" to you for outstanding community service.

Very sincerely,
S. M. Slee
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MEDICAL ASSOCIATION of Alameda & Contra Costa Counties noted with disapproval East Bay Labor Journal's kidding comment in the March 14 issue on ads in the association's bulletin which praised one product as conductive to "vitality in old age," another as "an appetite stimulant for all pale faces," and still another that "stops morning sickness."

Maxwell Thebaut, M. D., member of the editorial board of the association's bulletin, writes that in our brief editorial we managed to make "at least two inaccurate statements." He continues:

"Medicos, as you put it, are **not** 'great on denouncing advertisements of remedies which promise marvels to patients'. We **do** denounce fraud in any form, whether it be the mislabelling of a product, or misleading, unjustified claims made for it. There is quite a difference here! Advertising copy, if it is to sell a product, as you know, must create appeal. If it is honest and in good taste, we do not disapprove it.

"The products to which you refer as being 'patent medicines' are not, in fact, patent medicines at all. The ingredients, in each instance, are well known substances, are used in many another formula, and could be patented about as readily as could coffee or tobacco. But probably of even greater significance, is the fact that ethical drug manufacturers do not patent pharmaceutical preparations which are made available and promoted only to the medical profession. There is one exception: where a university holds a patent on a product of its own research and franchises manufacturing rights to a pharmaceutical company - e.g. Insulin made by Lilly - royalties go to the university for further research."

We must plead guilty to having been perhaps a little frivolous in our comment on this solemn matter, but not half so frivlous as the closed shop medicos were in hiring Whitaker & Baxter to invent and spread all over the U. S. that quack phrase, SOCIALIZED MEDICINE, to describe and destroy the efforts of organized labor and other progressive elements to establish decent medical care for all the American people.

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